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in

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in

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with

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Production Designed By ROBERT D. SOULE

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Technical Director
LARRY BREEDING

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Albert Amundson	GAVIN MOONEY
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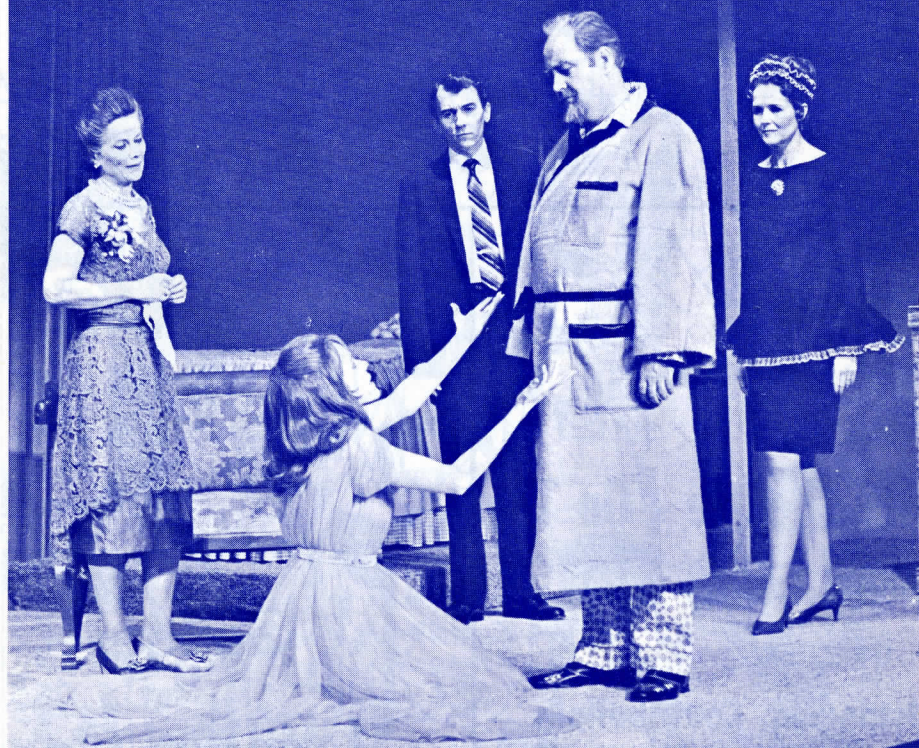
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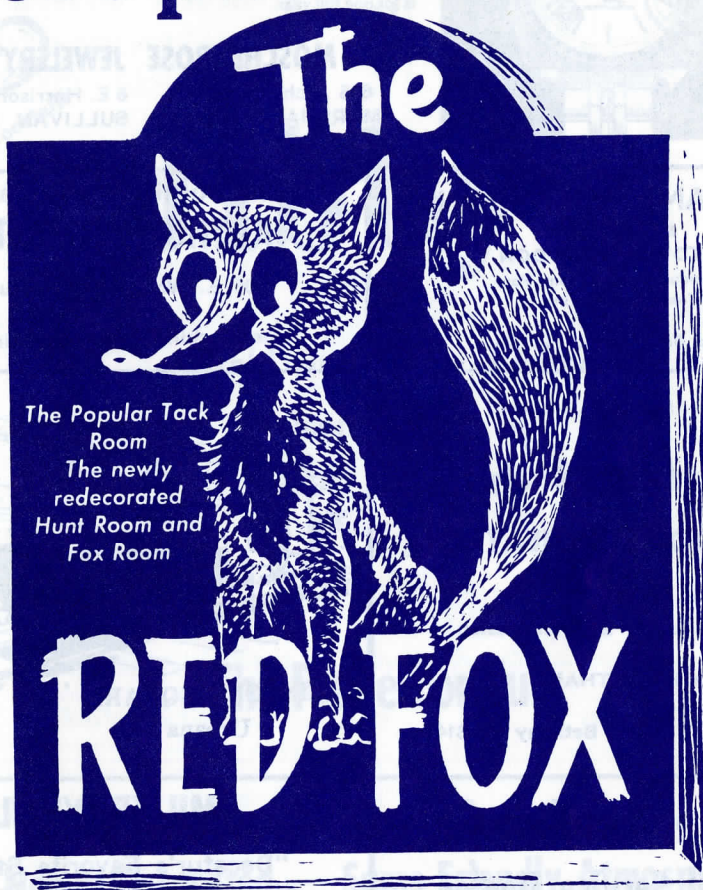
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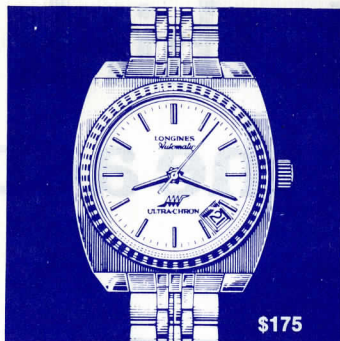
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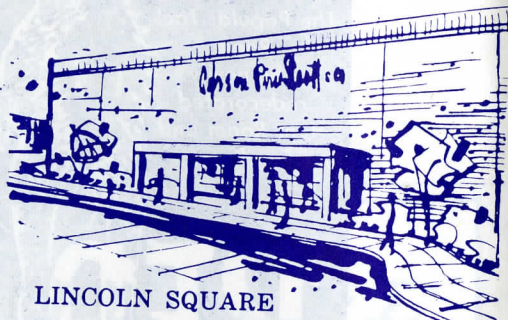
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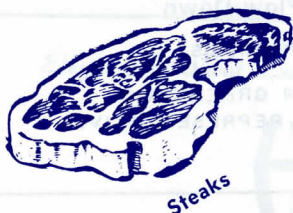
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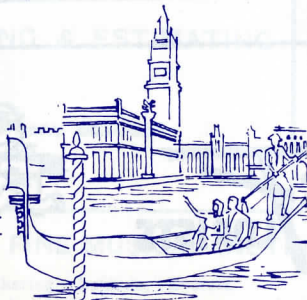
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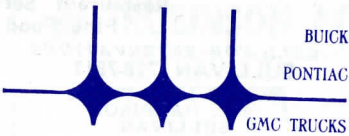
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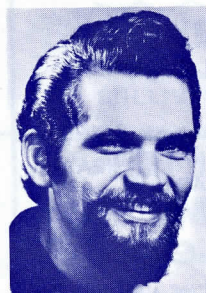



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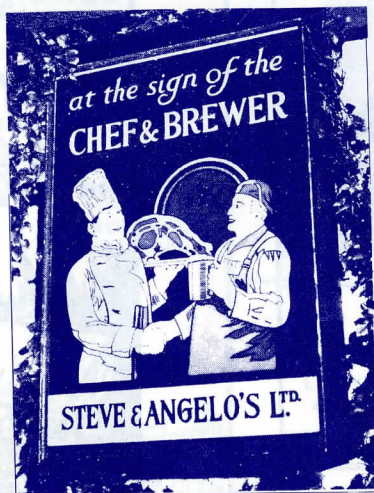


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ROBERT D. SOULE, Scenic Designer, returns to The Little Theatre-On The Square for the third season as resident designer. Audiences will remember the strikingly beautiful and miraculously workable sets he designed for *The Student Prince*, *Glad Tidings*, *Picnic*, *Guys and Dolls*, *The Sound of Music*, *George M!*, *The Music Man* and many others. A professional designer for 21 years, Mr. Soule has made his home in New York City for the past 17 years where he has designed for over 30 theatre productions as well as for television and movies. Born in Bushnell, Illinois, he studied at Western Illinois University and the Pasadena Playhouse in California before becoming a member of the United Scenic Artists union. He has designed for some of the most famous theatres in the country including the Coconut Grove in Miami, Sombbrero Playhouse in Phoenix, Casa Manana in Ft. Worth, Texas and many East Coast Theatres. He went to Edinburg, Scotland immediately after leaving Sullivan in 1968, to coordinate designs for the Providence Repertoire Company's production at the Edinburg Festival.

BILL HADDAD, Production Stage Manager, will more readily be known to audiences at The Little Theatre-On The Square for his many comedic roles on stage for the past six years. During the 1969 season, Mr. Haddad was seen in *Cactus Flower* with Joan Caulfield, *The Impossible Years* with Durward Kirby, *Teahouse of the August Moon* with Ron Ely and was featured as Sitting Bull in *Annie Get Your Gun* with Rosemary Prinz. Mr. McIlhenny in *Do I Hear A Waltz?* with Patricia Morison, Sam Harris in *George M!* with Bill Hayes, Ludlow Lowell in *Pal Joey* with Margaret Whiting, Marcellus in *The Music Man* with Peter Palmer, Herb Miller in *You Know I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running* with Imogene Coca and King Donovan and Reverend Tooker in *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof* with Eileen Fulton.

Mr. Haddad has, in addition to acting and stage managing, been Assistant to the Producer, Guy S. Little, Jr., for two years.

LARRY BREEDING, Technical Director, appeared at the Sir John Falstaff Theatre in St. Louis in *Nobody Loves An Albatross* with Gig Young and *Take Her, She's Mine* with Walter Pidgeon. At The Little Theatre-On The Square, he was featured as Scott in *What Did We Do Wrong?* with Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien, Irvin in *No Time For Sergeants* and as James in *The Miracle Worker* with Katharine Houghton. He has also appeared in *The Student Prince*, *Oklahoma!* and *Kiss Me, Kate*, a show in which he not only performed but was also technical director for the entire production.



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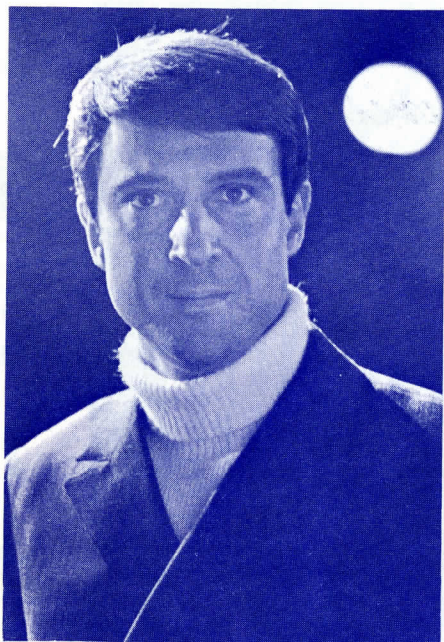
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In the early years of The Little Theatre-On The Square, only musicals were presented for perhaps eight or nine weeks during the summer months. The first musical staged was *Brigadoon* which will be presented for the third time this season. In the initial years, the theatre operation was referred to as Guy Little, Jr.'s, "Summer of Musicals" but after thirteen years, it is "The Miracle of Sullivan". Syndicated news media have written about this miracle and the miracle-man in numerous newspapers and magazines, almost always introducing the theme of "Broadway in the Country".

Guy Little, Jr.'s education and training in all phases of theatre make him aware that young persons aspiring to a career in theatre need professional training. Therefore, he offers an Apprenticeship Scholarship Program each season for 25 to 40 talented students. The Little Theatre-On The Square is one of the few theatres in the country which has such a program—most theatres require tuition for their training program.

Guy met his wife, Jerili, while both were attending the University of Miami, from where they graduated. They have been married for 16 years and have two children, Vanessa, age 14 and Sean, age 8. The entire family has taken part in the theatre operation in various ways: Jerili has appeared in over fifty productions on the Sullivan stage along with starting in other midwest theatres; Vanessa is following in the footlight career, holding her Actors' Equity membership for three years now with many fine acting parts behind her; Sean alternates his interest between theatre and an avid curiosity about farming, although, he has had several good stage appearances, also. Although Guy is primarily known as a producer, his rare appearances on his own stage delight the steady patrons. He usually assigns himself to walk-on parts which are brief but a necessary part of the show and little does the audience know that perhaps he was assisting in some technical, costume or administrative duty just moments before and after his appearance. He works in any department which might be in need of trained services, if he feels that department needs extra assistance. He has directed, designed, built scenery, taken charge of props, acted as lighting and sound technician along with some major and minor roles on stage. However, most of his time is spent scheduling his long season, negotiating for new musicals and plays and for the outstanding stars from Broadway, Hollywood and television, staffing the theatre with top directors, musical directors, choreographers, scenic and costume designers, technical directors and the other necessary staff personnel. Mr. Little personally casts all the roles in all of his major productions and selects the apprentice company after auditions in New York, Chicago and Sullivan.

Guy is blessed with parents who believed in his ability to succeed in opening a professional theatre and Mrs. Guy S. Little, Sr. has not only made a few appearances on stage in the early years but has been in charge of the ushers and box office during the past thirteen years. Guy S. Little, Sr. who has been a successful farmer and farm manager for many years, has served as the theatre's business manager and jokingly refers to himself as "A Dollar-A-Year Man".

The attendance at The Little Theatre-On The Square has been truly a "miracle", rising from the original 8,000 to over 80,000 in just the few summer months of operation each year. Attendance this season, with 26 weeks duration, is expected to go over 85,000 persons.

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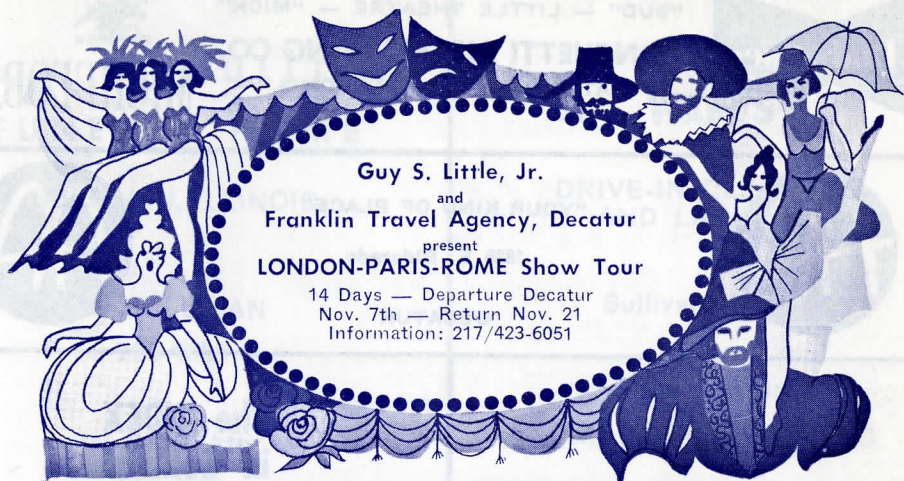
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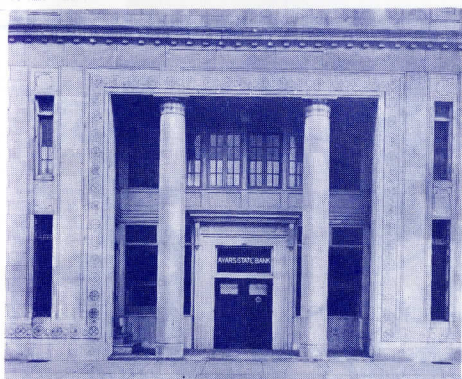
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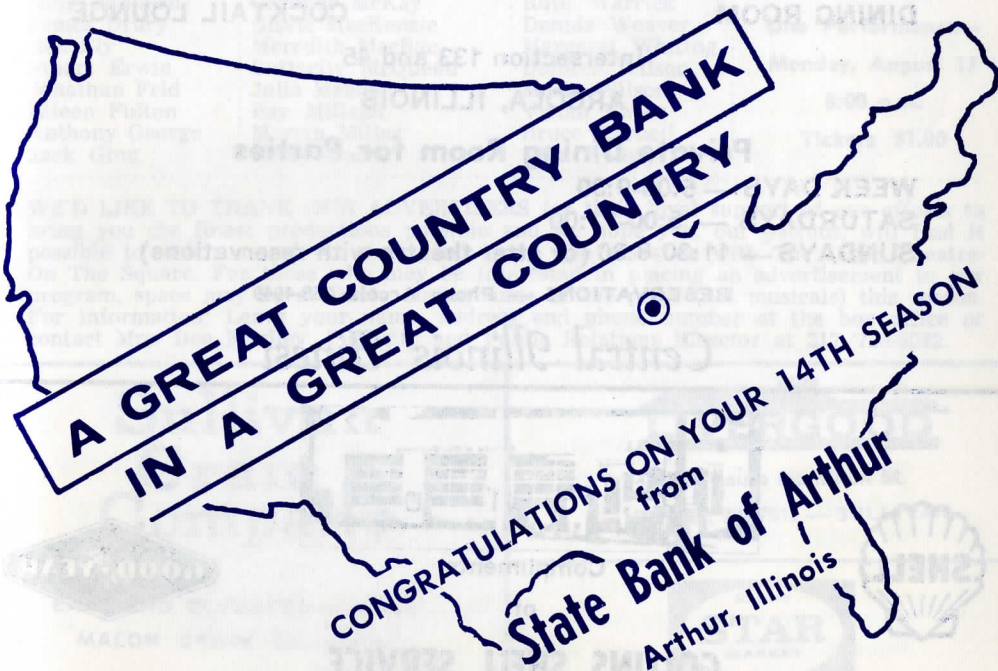
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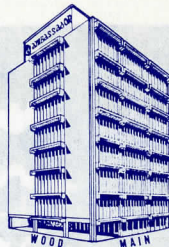
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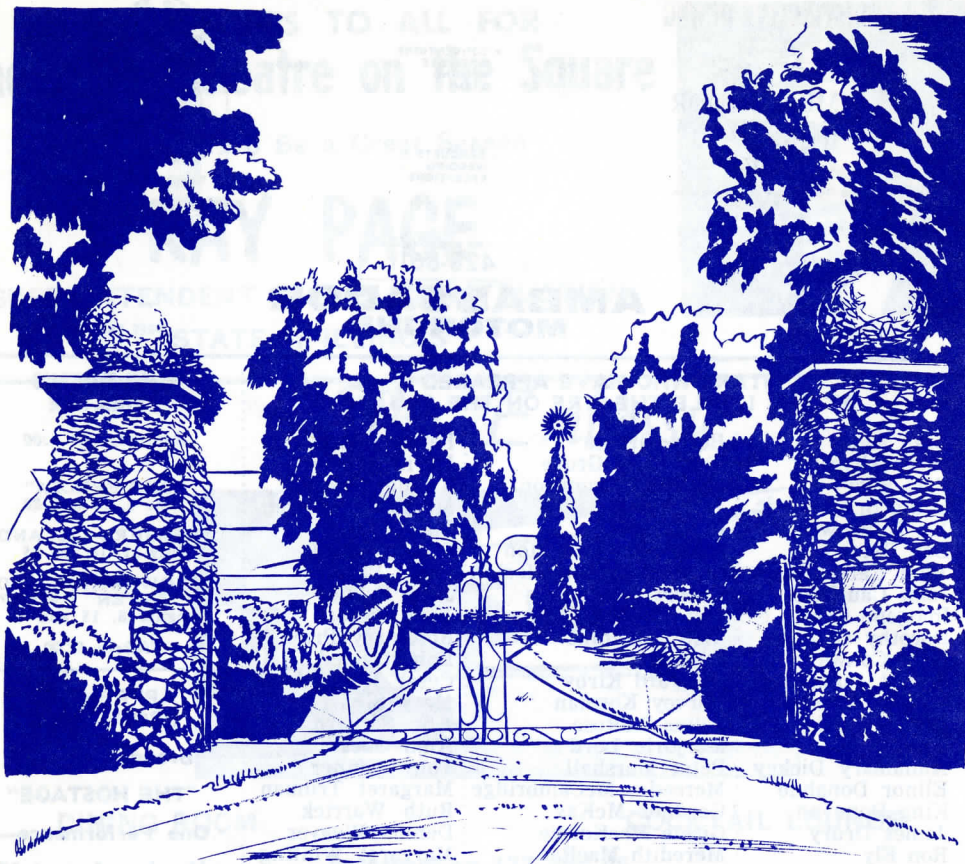


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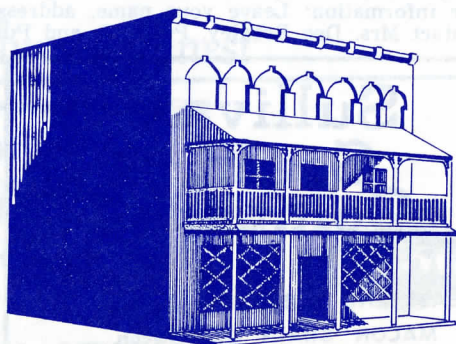


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